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EUROPE AND NORTH KOREA

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1. DEPUTY COMMERCE MINISTER PRASONG SUKHUM TOLD EMBASSY
OFFICERS THAT HE AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI
CHUNHAWAN WILL LEAD AN OIL MISSION TO IRAN AND SAUDI
ARABIA IN OCTOBER. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS
(REF A), CHATCHAI TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WILL DEPART
BANGKOK FOR THE MIDDLE EAST OCTOBER 10 AND THAT HIS
TENTATIVE ITINERARY IS:

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OCTOBER 10 - 13 IN IRAN

OCTOBER 14 - 17 IN SAUDI ARABIA

OCTOBER 18 - 20 IN KUWAIT

2. THE LOCAL PRESS ALSO QUOTES CHATCHAI AS SAYING THAT HE WILL VISIT POLAND OCTOBER 23 - 26 AND EAST GERMANY OCTOBER 28 - 30 ON A DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

3. PRASONG ALSO CONFIRMED NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT HE WOULD HEAD A TRADE DELEGATION TO NORTH KOREA IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER FOLLOWING THE MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID THAILAND MAY NEGOTIATE TO PURCHASE FERTILIZER FROM NORTH KOREA WHICH IS INTERESTED IN THAI JUTE AND GUNNY BAGS (REF C). PRASONG INDICATED THAT THE DELEGATION MAY STOP IN PEKING ON ITS WAY TO NORTH KOREA. HE HOPES THE STATE-TO-STATE TRADE BILL WHICH THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IS NOW CONSIDERING WILL BE PASSED BEFORE THE VISIT TO NORTH KOREA BUT SAID THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE IN ANY CASE. KINTNER

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